Pathology lab and X-ray department at R.K. Puram

2075. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the time of construction of the CGHS building the provisions of pathology lab and X-ray department have been provided at CGHS dispensary, Sector-12, RK. Puram, New Delhi since 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be started for the benefit of the patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Keeping in view the possibility of future augmentation, subject to availability resources and manpower, a provision has been made on the Ground Floor of the dispensary.

Since a large number of private diagnostic centres have been empanelled under CGHS providing adequate services and facilities to the beneficiaries; starting of laboratory and X-ray facilities at this dispensary is not being proposed, for the present.

Public health institutions

2076. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to establish a strong network of public health and allied institutions across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the projects that are proposed to be executed in the backward Orissa State to strengthen its public health network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The Government has decided to support the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) in setting up world class Institutes of Public Health in India. PHFI is a public-private partnership initiative to bridge the gap between the requirement and availability of trained personnel in public health and to effectively promote public health management. It will not train health, but will also assist in strengthening the existing institutions in the public health sector, create a pool of excellent faculty, act as a think tank for providing inputs for policy initiatives and set standards for public health education.

PHFI is an autonomous body and the location where the Institute of Public Health are to be set up as decided by PHFI. As informed by PHFI, it has decided to establish, Institutes of Public Health in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh and Gandhinagar, Gujarat. PHFI is in dialogue with various other State Governments for establishing similar institutes in these States. Presently, there is no proposal for

establishing Institute of Public Health in Orissa. However, PHFI is open to assist the State Government of Orissa in conducting training programmes for public health personnel using facilities available within the State.

Conference on "Global Healthcare-Promoting Partnership"

2077. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of conference on "Global Healthcare-Promoting Partnership" sponsored by FICCI;

(b) Government's reaction thereto;

(c) how does India compare with the neighbouring/western countries, on various healthcare parameters; and

(d) the corrective steps Government intend to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):

1. The main recommendations emerging from the Conference are as follows:

(i) Public Private Partnership Format is needed for proper and efficient delivery of healthcare mechanism.

(ii) There is a need to create a policy framework to facilitate private investment in medical infrastructure, medical education and training to overcome the shortfall of doctors and nurses.

(iii) Improvement in delivery of Private Healthcare standards up to World level.

(iv) Government must facilitate expansion of Health Insurance by framing clear-cut rules and regulations for the insurance sector.

(v) Custom duty exemption to be extended to more life saving and essential drugs, not manufactured in India.

(b) Government recognizes that public healthcare service delivery/quality is inadequate and often partnerships are required.

Government supports partnerships with non-governmental sector in healthcare to meet public health goals.

(c) As per FICCI and and E and Y Report [2006], the current bed per thousand population ratio in the country is 1.03 as against an average of 4.3 of comparable countries like China, Brazil, Korea and Thailand.

Health Expenditure as percentage of GDP, as indicated in WHO Report - 2002: for India is 4.9 whereas for countries like UK it is 7.3, Japan 7.8, Canada it is 9.1 and United States it is 13. Also, WHO Report - 2005 has indicated that the per capita health expenditure of US $ 80 for India is low as compared to countries like Japan [US $ 2476], UK [US $ 2031], Qatar [US $ 935], UAE [US $ 802], Kuwait [US $ 547] and Bahrain [US $ 517].